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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC

SUBJECT : EDIC Inventory of Economic Defense Intelligence Projects

1. It was agreed at the 21 October meeting of IWC (EDIC) that the Executive Secretary would "undertake on a trial basis the preparation of a monthly inventory of all projects completed or in process within the intelligence community which are considered directly relevant to the needs of the economic defense program." It was agreed also that members "assist in this project by supplying the Executive Secretary with a copy of any such inventory produced by their respective agencies."

2. This matter has been discussed at length with the EIC Secretariat and the Commerce, CIB, EOB and OIN members have been informally queried. These conversations disclose that:

a) The EIC produces an annual and semi-annual report of research projects (internal and external) on the Soviet bloc. Agency contributions to these publications reach the EIC Secretariat through established channels. It is suggested that these channels could be utilized to obtain inventory contributions on a quarterly, rather than semi-annual basis, from member agencies of EDIC.

b) It is impracticable to produce such an inventory on a monthly basis. Requests of such a re-occurring nature would constitute a source of annoyance to producing agencies and the status of projects does not materially change at such frequent intervals.

c) The EIC Secretariat request form (attached as Appendix 1) could be modified to incorporate a detailed breakdown (see Appendix 2)

of economic defense projects which are now found as item VI in the attached subject index. It would not be necessary to continue inclusion of item VI in future EIC reports upon initiation of the EBIC quarterly report. Publication of the EIC report would continue otherwise unaffected on a semi-annual and annual basis.